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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF BLUE
LANTERN PROGRAM: JULIUS ARAMBULO AND GRAZNYA COFFIN

11. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding performance of ICE Attache Julius Arambulo and economic officer Graznya Coffin in supporting the Blue Lantern program. As you know, the Blue Lantern program is the Department's primary instrument for monitoring the end-use of exported defense articles, technology, and services. This program is indispensable to PM's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls in making informed licensing decisions, discovering illicit supply networks, and deterring diversions of U.S. military articles and technology.

12. Mr. Arambulo and Ms. Coffin have made valuable contributions to strengthening our bilateral defense trade with the Philippines, demonstrating dedication and professionalism in efficiently and effectively managing seven Blue Lantern cases during the last year. In addition, Mr. Arambulo regularly took the initiative to inform PM/DDTC of potential illicit arms trafficking activities.

13. The PM Bureau and the Department are grateful for the efforts of Mr. Arambulo, which have demonstrably contributed to the security and integrity of U.S. defense trade.
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